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EDWARD STEPHENSON

Edward Stephenson, 82 of What Cheer died Nov. 8, at the Serenity House in Oskaloosa. Services were, Nov. 13 at Holland-Coble Funeral Home in What Cheer. Burial was in McFarlan Cemetery, What Cheer.

Edward Ottis Stephenson was born in What Cheer, July 11, 1930; the son of Harold and

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Selena Howard Stephenson. He was graduated from What Cheer High School in 1949.

Ed enlisted in the United States Army in 1952, serving in Korea until 1954.

He worked at the What Cheer Pottery from 1947-1961, with time off for his military duty. From 1961-1977 he worked for the City of What Cheer as a maintenance supervisor. Ed also served as a fireman and police officer for the City of What Cheer. In 1977 he began working for Municipal Supply until his retirement in 2000.

After retiring Ed served his community as an honorary member of the fire department, helping with fireman's breakfast, the flea market, directing funeral traffic and running errands. For 48 years he

placed flags on Veterans graves for Memorial Day. Ed was a member of the Elks, Lions Club and the American Legion.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Caroline Stephenson.

Edward is survived by two daughters: Penny (Cecil Wright) Baker of Altoona and Sandra Maxwell of What Cheer; a brother, Gilbert (Pat) Stephenson of DeWitt; eight grandchildren: Andy (Dawn) Maxwell of Maryland, Shawn (Jennifer) Maxwell of Beacon, Jamie (Brian) Vink of Pella, Christopher Baker of Des Moines, Cory Baker of Cedar Falls, Duncan Wright of Cedar Falls, Cameron Wright of Indianola and Carter Wright of Altoona. Ed also leaves behind a legacy of seven great grandchildren.